

TO THE ARMY

Is Given Control of Panama Canal Work.

STEVENS RETIRES.

The Plan for Having Work Done by Contract on a Percentage System is Abandoned.

Washington, Feb. 27.—By an order addressed to the Panama canal commission on Tuesday President Roosevelt, as far as lay in his power under existing law, transferred to the chief engineer of the army the responsibility for the further construction of the Panama canal. He also in the same order, which took the form of a letter addressed to the chairman of the commission, Mr. Shonts, who is about to retire from all connection with the enterprise, formally recorded the abandonment, for the present at least, of the project of having the canal work done by contract on the percentage system. Another feature of the order was the announcement of the resignation of John F. Stevens, an engineer in charge of the canal construction.

Mr. Shonts is in New York, where he will to-day preside at a meeting of the directors of the Panama Railroad Co., of which he is president, and will, it is expected, formally resign that of the canal.

The intention of the president is that there shall be an entire reorganization of the commission with three army officers of the engineer corps as its leading members, who are to have charge of the engineering features of the canal work. The chairman and engineer-in-chief of the commission will be Maj. G. W. Goethals, and his associates will be Maj. D. Galliard and Maj. William L. Sibert, to rank in the order named. These three officers are all comparatively young, ambitious and energetic members of the corps. The reorganization is to become effective immediately upon the confirmation and retirement of the old commission. Senator C. S. Blackburn, of Kentucky, who retires from the senate on March 4, is to be made a member of the reorganized commission.

The nominations of the present commissioners now pending before the senate include Messrs. Shonts, Stevens, Heins, Endicott, Herrod, Gorgas and Jackson Smith. Their confirmation is desired in order to remove all doubt as to the legality of certain acts they have performed in connection with the making of contracts. The retirement of Messrs. Shonts and Stevens will leave but two vacancies, so that there will be two more retirements necessary to make way for the three army officers and Senator Blackburn.

The president is unaware of the specific reasons which have been influential in prompting Mr. Stevens' resignation. It surprised him very much for as late as the middle of December, when he was here, Mr. Stevens made no mention of his wish to retire in the near future. It has been known, however, that Mr. Stevens has been stung very much by criticism aimed at him in connection with canal work and he has been disposed to complain about them. Some of this criticism came out during hearings before committees of congress. The salary question also is understood to have had an important bearing on his retirement.

It is understood that Mr. Stevens is leaving the government's service to accept a position in connection with a great engineering enterprise in this country at an annual salary more than double that which he now receives.

Poisoned His Wife and Daughter.
Denver, Col., Feb. 27.—Benjamin A. Wright, solicitor for the International correspondence school, of Scranton, Pa., is in jail on a charge of murdering his wife and daughter, who were found dead Monday in their home in this city. Information for Stella Good, on whose account the police claim to have learned that Wright had neglected his family, is supposed to have been the motive for the crime. The Good woman is under arrest.

Perkins Goes Free.
Albany, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The court of appeals on Tuesday decided in favor of George W. Perkins, vice president of the New York Life Insurance Co., and a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., in the matter of the charge of grand larceny made against him in connection with the payment of funds of the New York Life to the republican national campaign in 1904.

Train Wreck Fatal to Three.
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 27.—Grand trunk train No. 5 was derailed at a sharp curve near Toronto's O. T. station, causing the death of three persons. Charles Rankin, of Stratford, John O'Donohue, of Stratford, and a 3-year-old boy were killed and a number injured.

Holds the Company Responsible.
Portland, Ind., Feb. 27.—Coroner Conner returned a verdict Tuesday in the case of the Big Four disaster at this place January 19. He held that the American Traffic Dispatches, Sears, Freight, Conductor Charles, Miller, Freight Engineer John Kobbie and the head officials and management of the Big Four company were guilty of gross negligence. The coroner also held that Edward W. Tripp, engineer of the passenger train, was negligent in not stopping the train when the accident happened. The coroner, however, did not order any arrests.

UNDER JEROME'S GRILL



Sketch of Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Traw. While Undergoing the Severe Cross-Examination of the District Attorney.

STORIES OF RAILROAD FINANCE.

They are Told to the Inter-State Commission by E. H. Harriman.

New York, Feb. 27.—An assertion that Streetview Park was disposed from the presidency of the Illinois Central because of misconduct as to the funds of the company; a continued refusal to answer questions relating to individual stock transactions; explanations of the transfer of 300,000 shares of Southern Pacific stock to William G. Rockefeller during the attempt of James R. Keene to secure control of the road, and of the delayed announcement of the division in Union and Southern Pacific; attempts by the government to show that the Union Pacific charges unfair rates, stifles competition in the vast territory traversed by its lines and that its dividend of 10 per cent. and its expenditure of \$210,000,000 on betterments came from an unfair toll on its patrons; an academic discussion of railway regulation, by high authorities on either side, that ran from a plea for legalized combinations of railroads under government supervision to a suggestion that the government control railway stock issues; a charge and admission that the misconduct of the railroads created the popular anger that moves determinedly for their regulation; a charge that no other country in the world is so hostile to large transportation interests; an assertion that the purchase of Southern Pacific by the Union Pacific had given the southwest ten years' advantage in development; that the fallacy of the Union Pacific to secure the Northern Pacific left the northwest ten years behind where it would have been if control had been obtained; all ending with a remarkable scene where the government and the man stood confronted.

These were events that made Tuesday's session of the inter-state commerce commission with Edward H. Harriman as sole witness a memorable one. They gave a vivid realization of the problems of swollen wealth and railway regulation and the participants, their interferences and the circumstances, save the inquiry into the case.

A Famous Preacher Dies.
Columbus, O., Feb. 27.—Word has reached here that Rev. John P. Nau, who once a resident of this city and known to Methodists throughout the United States, as "Camp Meeting John," who preached a series of sermons at Washington during the administration of President Grant, which were attended every night by the president, members of congress and many others, died at his home in Portland, Ore., Sunday night. Deceased was born in Baltimore in 1857.

A Remarkable Story.
Cape Town, Feb. 27.—The police here just learned that a Dutch ship, the Celebes, a Dutch possession in the Malay archipelago. A band of 3,000 armed adventurers planned to descend on the island and hold it by force against the Dutch while its riches were being worked.

Swindlers Got \$250,000 by Forgery.
Berlin, Feb. 27.—Various Hamburg and Bremen firms have been defrauded out of about \$250,000 by means of forged bills of lading in connection with three British steamers from Galveston. The identity of the swindlers has not been discovered.

Collision Causes Three Deaths.
Truro, N. S., Feb. 27.—An express train bound from Halifax to Boston collided with a Canadian Pacific express on the Inter-Colonial railroad at Brookfield last night. Three railroad employees were killed.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, has been elected president of the Carnegie Trust Co., of New York City, the election to take effect March 5.

Francis Godino, convicted of the murder of Giuseppe Triberri, near Coryville, Pa., last March, because he refused his demands for money, was hanged recently in the county jail at Smithport, Pa.

George Sheets, chief of the Salt Lake (Utah) police department, and George Raleigh, chief of detectives have been arrested, charged with complicity in a conspiracy to fleece travelers passing through Salt Lake City.

A dispatch from Rear Admiral Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, says that the battleship Connecticut has sailed from Guantanamo, Cuba for the north with a typhoid epidemic aboard, there being 35 cases now under treatment.

A New York Legislator Dies.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Jean Le Rue Burnett, member of the assembly from Ontario county, died here Tuesday from pneumonia. He was the third member of the assembly to die this winter. He organized the American Collegiate Republican league having a membership of over 60,000 which obtained national reputation in the campaign of 1922.

Calls a Halt on Improvements.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Owing to anti-railway legislation, the difficulty of raising money and the increased cost of labor and material, the Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad has temporarily abandoned improvements for which the management expected to spend between \$6,000,000 and \$8,000,000.

The Steel Ties Must Go.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—General Manager Atterbury, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., has ordered the removal of all steel cross-ties now in use on the Pennsylvania railroad.

A Timely Rescue.

Marseilles, Feb. 27.—The steamer Romp arrived here Tuesday from New York, bringing the crew of the British schooner Lucile, who were rescued from their vessel on February 18. The Lucile had encountered a storm and was in a sinking condition.

Miners' Wages are Increased.

Morgantown, W. Va., Feb. 27.—The Elkins Coal and Coke Co. announced an increase of 10 per cent. in wages of miners and coke workers, to take effect March 1. The order affects 1,094 men.

Electrically Ripened Bananas.

An English electrical expert has discovered a means of ripening bananas to order. The bunches are hung in an air-tight glass case in which are a number of electric lights. The artificial light and heat hasten the ripening process in proportion to the number of lights turned on. Records have been made which enable the operators to make delivery of any desired quantities at any agreed time.—Popular Mechanics.

Improved Gutta-Percha.

Green gutta-percha is now obtained from the leaves of the caoutchouc tree, and is said to be more durable than that produced by cutting into the stem of the tree. Unlike the ordinary product, it does not require an expensive process of purification, so that it is cheap. In France green gutta-percha is now being employed in the construction of submarine cables.

FOR OHIOANS.

Gulbert Issues a Call to Banks.

Columbus, O., Feb. 27.—State Auditor Gulbert issued a call Tuesday for statements of the condition of the state banks at the "opening of business" Tuesday morning. This is a peculiar timing of the statement and the explanation is peculiar. It has been customary to call for statements as to the banks' condition "at the close of business" on a certain day past. But at the last call, the words "close of business" looked scary to the depositors of a Chillicothe bank. They interpreted it to mean that a permanent "close of business" was on the program, and in that case, they reasoned, it would be best to get their deposits out. A "run" was thus started that developed into a panic that almost ruined the bank.

Would Organize a Trolley League.

Findlay, O., Feb. 27.—An attempt will be made here this season to organize a baseball team, one that will regain the reputation Findlay enjoyed years ago as a ball center. The scheme talked of is an organization to be called the Trolley league and will include such towns as Findlay, Sandusky, Tiffin, Fremont, Bowling Green, Lima, Bryan, Napoleon and Wauseon. The expense of traveling can be reduced to a minimum, and it is thought the expenses otherwise can be kept down so that it would be a paying investment.

Curtis Goes Before a Grand Jury.

Dayton, O., Feb. 27.—David Curtis, self-confessed murderer of Dona Gilman, was before the grand jury Tuesday afternoon. His attorneys kept Curtis off the stand in his preliminary hearing. The grand jury Tuesday morning went to the home of Squire Wagner, who is sick in bed, to secure his testimony. Wagner is the magistrate who bound over Mrs. Leah Gilman and Collins Gilman, on the charge of being accessories to the murder of Dona Gilman.

Grand Jury Probes Bribery Charges.

Columbus, O., Feb. 27.—The grand jury that has been instructed to go deeply into the bribery charges involving city officials and employees and representatives of the Cleveland Trinidad Paving Co., resumed its sessions Tuesday. Arthur A. Beck, assistant city engineer, who resigned Monday and was bound over to the grand jury on a bribery charge, was ordered by the court to appear before that jury.

Must Have Escorts to Theatres.

Toledo, Feb. 27.—The city council Monday night passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for theater managers to admit children under the age of 17 except when accompanied by parents, guardians, teachers or members of their family. A fine of \$50 or three months' imprisonment in the penitentiary, or both, was made the penalty. Theater managers claim the ruling will paralyze their matinees.

Died from Grief.

Ravenna, O., Feb. 27.—Overcome with grief for her 14-year-old son, Robert, who fell dead at the feet of his teacher in a district school near Ravenna, while being punished for disobedience last Thursday, the mother, Mrs. George Finch, 35 years old, fell dead Tuesday at her home. She leaves a husband and an 8-year-old son.

THE ALDRICH CURRENCY BILL.

Passed the Senate by a Large Majority—House Debates Ship Subsidy Bill.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The senate on Tuesday passed the sundry bill on appropriation bill, carrying \$114,000,000. It also passed the Aldrich currency bill by a vote of 43 to 14. The currency bill authorizes the issue of \$10 gold certificates, to the end that the \$10 greenbacks may be broken up into one, two and five dollar bills, for which there is a great demand. It also authorizes the deposit of customs receipts in national banks, as internal revenue receipts are now deposited. It raises from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 the amount of national bank circulation that may be retired in any one month.

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House.—General debate on the so-called ship subsidy bill was begun in the house and continued throughout the day. The rule limiting the general debate to five hours was amended so that general debate shall run through to-day, with a night session from 8 o'clock until 11 o'clock, when the debate will terminate. Many speeches were made on the bill, Mr. Grosvenor appearing as its principal champion.

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Duquoin, Ill., Feb. 27.—Prosecutor of the case against Joseph Leiter or the charge of criminal negligence in the operation of a colliery at Zeigler, Ill., was begun here Tuesday. A gas explosion occurred in the colliery in April, 1925, killing nearly 60 miners. Relatives of the victims brought suit shortly after the accident, but trial of the case has been delayed. The civil suits aggregate \$400,000.

The War in Central America.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 27.—It is the fighting Monday that resulted in the capture by Nicaraguan forces of the Honduran town San Marcos de Colon, which was defended by the Honduran minister of war at the head of a strong army, the Honduran general Megia Vidal and 100 officers and soldiers were captured. The Nicaraguans also gained possession of one piece of artillery and a large quantity of ammunition. Many men were killed and wounded. It is rumored here that Salvador is aiding Bonilla, the presidentialist of Honduras.

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Poisoned Stomach, Clogged Brain, Wavering Ambition, Failure—Unless He Seizes His Opportunity!

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HERMITS LIVE IN CAVES.

Rise at Dawn and Seek Sleep with Setting Sun.

The strange colonies of hermits who have taken up their abode in the neighborhood of Locarno, Itoneo and Orrellina are increasing in numbers. One group, which occupies the wooded plateau known as Monte Verita, is 125 strong, and counts in its members six German professors, three military officers, one of whom is married to a countess who also belongs to the sect, two doctors and a priest, says a correspondent for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The majority are well to do, and some are wealthy. As these pay well for anything they buy and do not trouble about making converts, the inhabitants are on friendly terms with them.

They sleep in caves, are vegetarians and do not wear ordinary clothing. A linen hood and a shroud of the same material are the only garments they wear. Their feet, legs, arms and necks are uncovered, and the hair is never cut, though the men trim their beards, in a patriarchal way. The women allow their tresses to float in the air.

The motto of all is "Back to nature." "The height of wisdom and philosophy," they say, "is to understand nature; that alone brings peace and happiness."

They rise at dawn and go to sleep with the setting of the sun; they eat only fruit and vegetables and drink only water. In the summer they have daily sun baths and in the winter snow baths.

Some of them have extraordinary theories, which they carry out with great perseverance. One beautiful woman of 30, who was formerly a well-known singer at the Berlin opera, refuses to touch money, which she says is the root of all evil. Her theory often lands her in difficulties, from which she occasionally extricates herself by singing to her debtors.

Another member only eats vegetables that ripen underground. A third confines himself strictly to raw eggs and potatoes.

A fourth spends \$25 a week among the poor villagers and keeps the doctors busy by bringing to their notice cases for which he pays.

All the colony are in the best of health and always appear perfectly happy, amiable and polite.

Foiled the Grocer.

T. Augustus Heinze, at a dinner in Butte, praised a western orator. "At the start," said Mr. Heinze, "this man secures the sympathy of his audience. There was, for instance, a distracted fellow who entered a grocer's shop and said: 'I believe I am an injured husband, sir, and I desire to verify my suspicions by watching a house in the next street. But I can only do this safely from the rear of your shop. Will you let me sit by the open window there for half an hour?'"

The grocer, patting the man's shoulder in kindly fashion, said:

"To be sure, my friend. Make yourself at home."

"Some time passed. Then the jealous husband rushed through the shop, rolling his eyes and muttering: 'I'll kill her! I'll go home and get the gun and kill her now!'"

"Your wife," said the grocer.

"Yes," groaned the man. "My false wife, my adored May. I can not doubt her guilt, and before sundown I shall be a murderer."

"The grocer tried to detain him, but he got away. Nothing happened in the way of murder for an hour or more, and then, a little disappointed and suspicious, the grocer made an investigation in the back of his shop, to find that there had been passed out through the open window three tubs of butter, a crate of eggs, two bags of flour and a dozen hams."

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"My occupation as a printer keeps me exposed to the weather a great deal and consequently my skin disease would erupt from time to time. For nearly two years I have been in torture from a severe case of eczema and often I have had to stop my work in the garden and go out in the sun, for it seems when I get heated the eczema flared and burned me as though I were aflame and I was glad to keep on using it."

"It seems impossible that a case of so many years standing should be cured in three months. I wish that I could tell you that I had not used it, but I had no faith in it because everything else failed. I decided to give it a trial at least. I suffered no longer, for D. D. D. gave me relief and I was glad to keep on using it."

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